

Foreign Language Week

Foreign Language Week is a time to celebrate learning a different language. It can be a great time to promote the idea of taking a Foreign Language. Hold the week close to registration for the next year so students, who are not currently taking a language, can be motivated to try taking the class.

Here are some ideas for you to do during your foreign language week:

1. Have a poster contest in your class promoting your language and the reasons kids should take that language. Hand the posters around the school during the week.
2. As a department make posters to hang around the school saying how to say different vocabulary words around the school. Vocabulary words could include things like: bathroom, drinking fountain, office, window, library, computer, etc. You could hold a scavenger hunt for the students to complete on their own time searching for the vocabulary words and how they say them in each of the languages.
3. During the daily announcements have the greeting and farewell be done in one of the languages taught at the school.
4. As students are moving between classes, play a song from one of the languages over the intercom.
5. Hold a speak your language day. Have students fill out a form that they speak only the language they are taking throughout the day, unless a specific teacher needs them to speak in English. Teachers will sign a form saying that they completed the task.

6. Have a Foreign Language Assembly. Only students who are taking a foreign language will be allowed to attend. During the assembly present some of the fun things classes have done throughout the year. Show a slide show of pictures taken in the foreign language classes. Hold a competition between the languages. Have students from each language come up. Teachers say an English word and the first person to buzz in with the correct word in his/her target language gets a point. Rotate through several students to give many kids a chance to participate. Have a trophy that the teacher of the winning language can keep in his/her room for the year.
7. As a department make some posters to display in the halls of reasons why students should learn a foreign language in general (not just a specific language). Have some of these reasons listed each day in the daily announcements.